

preferred for use herein:

esters such as glycerin esters, sorbitan esters, methoxyacetate, ethoxyacetate and 3-ethoxypropionate, alanine ethyl ester, etc.;

ethers such as polyethylene glycols, polypropylene glycols, polytetramethylene glycols, polyethylene glycol alkyl ethers, polyethylene glycol alkenyl ethers, alkylpolyethylene glycols, alkylpolyethylene glycol alkyl ethers, alkylpolyethylene glycol alkenyl ethers, alkenylpolyethylene glycols, alkenylpolyethylene glycol alkyl ethers, alkenylpolyethylene glycol alkenyl ethers, polypropylene glycol alkyl ethers, polypropylene glycol alkenyl ethers, alkylpolypropylene glycols, alkylpolypropylene glycol alkyl ethers, alkylpolypropylene glycol alkenyl ethers, alkenylpolypropylene glycols, alkenylpolypropylene glycol alkyl ethers, alkenylpolypropylene glycol alkenyl ethers, etc.;

sulfonic acids such as methyltauric acid, methyl sulfate, butyl sulfate, vinylsulfonic acid, 1-allylsulfonic acid, 2-allylsulfonic acid, methoxymethylsulfonic acid, ethoxymethylsulfonic acid, 3-ethoxypropylsulfonic acid, etc.;

salts of sulfonic acids such as ammonium methyltaurate, sodium methyltaurate, sodium methylsulfate, ammonium ethylsulfate, ammonium butylsulfate, sodium vinylsulfonate, sodium 1-allylsulfonate, sodium 2-allylsulfonate, sodium methoxymethylsulfonate, ammonium ethoxymethylsulfonate, sodium 3-ethoxypropylsulfonate, sodium sulfosuccinate, etc.; and

amides such as propionamide, acrylamide, methylurea,

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Add.* nicotinamide, succinamide, sulfanylamide, etc.--

Please delete the paragraph from page 14, line 17 to page 15, line 10, and substitute therefor the following new paragraph:

--Alcohols such as methanol, ethanol, 1-propanol, 2-propanol, 2-propyn-1-ol, allyl alcohol, ethylene cyanohydrin, 1-butanol, 2-butanol, (S)-(+)-2-butanol, 2-methyl-1-propanol, t-butyl alcohol, perfluoro-t-butyl alcohol, t-pentyl alcohol, 1,2-ethanediol, 1,2-propanediol, 1,3-propanediol, 1,3-butanediol, 2,3-butanediol, 1,5-pentanediol, 2-butene-1,4-diol, 2-methyl-2,4-pentanediol, glycerin, 2-ethyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-propanediol, 1,2,6-hexanetriol, etc.;

Ethers such as dioxane, trioxan, tetrahydrofuran, diethylene glycol diethyl ether, 2-methoxyethanol, 2-ethoxyethanol, 2,2-(dimethoxy)ethanol, 2-isopropoxyethanol, 2-butoxyethanol, 1-methoxy-2-propanol, 1-ethoxy-2-propanol, furfuryl alcohol, tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol, ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, diethylene glycol monomethyl ether, diethylene glycol monoethyl ether, diethylene glycol monobutyl ether, triethylene glycol, triethylene glycol monomethyl ether, tetraethylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether, dipropylene glycol monoethyl ether, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether, diacetone alcohol, 2-methoxyethyl acetate, 2-ethoxyethyl acetate, diethylene glycol monoethyl ether acetate, etc.;

Ketones such as acetone, methyl ethyl ketone,

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acetylacetone, cyclohexanone, etc.--

Please delete the paragraph from page 16, line 2 to page 17, line 26, and substitute therefor the following new paragraph:

--Preferred examples of the protective film-forming agent for use in the invention are mentioned below:

ammonia;

amines, for example, alkylamines such as dimethylamine, trimethylamine, triethylamine, propylenediamine, etc.; ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), sodium diethyldithiocarbamate, chitosan, etc.;

amino acids such as glycine, L-alanine, β -alanine, L-2-aminobutyric acid, L-norvaline, L-valine, L-leucine, L-norleucine, L-isoleucine, L-alloisoleucine, L-phenylalanine, L-proline, sarcosine, L-ornithine, L-lysine, taurine, L-serine, L-threonine, L-allothreonine, L-homoserine, L-tyrosine, 3,5-diiodo-L-tyrosine, β -(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-L-alanine, L-thyroxine, 4-hydroxy-L-proline, L-cysteine, L-methionine, L-ethionine, L-lanthionine, L-cystathionine, L-cystine, L-cystein acid, L-aspartic acid, L-glutamic acid, S-(carboxymethyl)-L-cysteine, 4-aminobutyric acid, L-asparagine, L-glutamine, azaserine, L-arginine, L-canavanine, L-citrulline, δ -hydroxy-L-lysine, creatine, L-kynurenine, L-histidine, 1-methyl-L-histidine, 3-methyl-L-histidine, ergothioneine, L-tryptohan, actinomycin C1, apamine, angiotensin I, angiotensin II, antipine, etc.;

imines such as dithizone, cuproin (2,2'-biquinoline), neocuproin (2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline), vasocuproin (2,9-dimethyl-4,7-diphenyl-1,10-phenanthroline), cuperazone (biscyclohexanone-oxalylhydrazone), etc.;

azoles such as benzimidazole-2-thiol, 2-[2-(benzothiazolyl)]thiopropionic acid, 2-[2-(benzothiazolyl)]thiobutyric acid, 2-mercaptobenzothiazole, 1,2,3-triazole, 1,2,4-triazole, 3-amino-1H-1,2,4-triazole, benzotriazole, 1-hydroxybenzotriazole, 1-dihydroxypropylbenzotriazole, 2,3-dicarboxypropylbenzotriazole, 4-hydroxybenzotriazole, 4-carboxyl-1H-benzotriazole, 4-methoxycarbonyl-1H-benzotriazole, 4-butoxycarbonyl-1H-benzotriazole, 4-octyloxycarbonyl-1H-benzotriazole, 5-hexylbenzotriazole, N-(1,2,3-benzotriazolyl-1-methyl)-N-(1,2,4-triazolyl-1-methyl)-2-ethylhexylamine, tolyltriazole, naphthotriazole, bis[(1-benzotriazolyl)methyl]phosphonic acid, etc.;

mercaptans such as nonylmercaptan, dodecylmercaptan, triazinethiol, triazinedithiol, triazinetrithiol, etc.;

polysaccharides such as alginic acid, pectic acid, carboxymethyl cellulose, curdlane, pullulane, etc.;

salts of amino acids such as glycine ammonium salt, glycine sodium salt, etc.;

polycarboxylic acids and their salts, such as polyaspartic acid, polyglutamic acid, polylysine, polymalic acid, polymethacrylic acid, ammonium polymethacrylate, sodium polymethacrylate, polyamidic acid, polymaleic acid, polyitaconic acid, polyfumaric acid, poly(p-styrenecarboxylic

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